

House Resolution No. 3147

Whereas, a period of five wondrous decades has passed since Ernest Braswell lovingly took the hand of his beautiful bride, Mary Lou Barnum, during a solemn ceremony on June 1, 1953, at the First Baptist Church in Harrison, Arkansas; and

Whereas, in the years since that heavenly day, Ernest and Mary Lou Braswell have had the pleasure of raising two children, Cheryl Braswell and Mike Braswell, and the privilege of spoiling two grandchildren; and

Whereas, Ernest Braswell has compiled an impressive record of achievement that includes serving more than four decades with the Branson Fire Department, from which he retired as Fire Chief; playing an instrumental role in starting the Western Taney County Fire Protection District; overseeing the BOTS (Branson Old Timers) Reunions; being a volunteer firefighter; and helping Branson be what it is today; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Mary Lou Braswell further distinguished herself by working for the Missouri Department of Conservation and Shepard of the Hills Fish Hatchery, from which she retired after more than fifteen years of service; and

Whereas, during their half century together, Ernest and Mary Lou Braswell have derived a tremendous amount of personal satisfaction by creating Garrison Spring Gardens and being active in Hostas Society, Master Gardeners, and Hammons Performing Arts in Springfield; and

Whereas, Mr. and Mrs. Braswell commemorated the resplendent occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary on June 1, 2003, at their home in Ozark:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously in extending our most hearty congratulations to Ernest and Mary Lou Braswell and in wishing them only the best as they continue their journey walking hand-in-hand along life's path; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Braswell.

Offered by _____
Representative Jerry Bough
District No. 142

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 3147, adopted June 2, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker